

*To Mr. Kilpatrick  
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29th February, 1984.

Professor S. Saxena,  
University of Toronto,  
c/- XV International Congress of CIRIEC,  
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*My dear Sir*

This letter is to introduce a friend and valued colleague, Mr. W. (Bill) J. Kilpatrick, attending the CIRIEC Congress as a nominee of the State Government of Victoria, Australia.

I had hoped to be able to accompany him as a member of CIRIEC but, unfortunately, my plans caused me to withdraw from this anticipated involvement. For this reason I regret I will not be able to meet up with you personally nor with other international Co-operative friends.

Mr. Kilpatrick is Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Victoria. He is a solicitor by background. He has a basic understanding and acceptance of Co-operative philosophy and its application to present day social and economic needs. Co-operatives in Victoria have welcomed his appointment and his enlightened approach to his responsible task. We were delighted when the Victorian Government accepted my proposal that the State Government should be represented at such an important international Co-operative function.

This is Mr. Kilpatrick's first exposure to international Co-operative functions. I have suggested that he take advantage of this opportunity, not only to have discussions with you in Florence but also to proceed to Geneva to see and learn for himself more of the operations of the International Co-operative Alliance, and the Co-operative Division of the I.L.O. I have suggested he visits Bonn to learn something of a well integrated Co-operative movement. I have also suggested he visits Regina, Saskatchewan to see at first hand the services of a provincial government Co-operative Registry and Service Department.

Any assistance that you can provide to make this overseas tour more beneficial would be greatly appreciated.

I trust you have now settled down to life in Canada and regret I shall be unable to meet you personally in Florence. Very kind regards to your wife and yourself and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Officer.